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SUBJECT: W/W: MICHAEL RAYMOND WATERS

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (B), DOCUMENTS REQUESTED WERE  
TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT (REG. NO. 2537483) ON NOVEMBER  
17, 1976 FOR FORWARDING TO MICHAEL'S FATHER.

2. FOLLOWING INFO MAY BE USEFUL TO MICHAEL'S FATHER, GARY  
WATERS: UNDER ITALIAN LAW, LEGAL CUSTODY OF MICHAEL HAS BEEN  
AWARDED TO HIS FATHER. MICHAEL'S MOTHER HAS NO REPEAT NO  
LEGAL RIGHTS REGARDING MICHAEL. HE WAS WITHDRAWN FROM HIS  
MOTHER'S CUSTODY BY ITALIAN JUVENILE COURT DECREE ON  
JANUARY 12, 1976.

3. MICHAEL WAS A CHARGE OF THE PISA PUBLIC WELFARE OFFICE  
FROM 1969 WHEN HE VOLUNTARILY LEFT MOTHER'S HOME, AND OVER  
THE PAST FOUR YEARS PERSONALLY CALLED AT THE CONSULATE NUMEROUS  
TIMES REQUESTING CONSULZTE'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING HIS  
FATHER AND ARRANGING REPATRIATION TO US. MICHAEL'S MATERNAL  
GRANDMOTHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF MICHAEL JOINING HIS  
FATHER. IN LAST TELEPHONE CONVERSATION PRIOR TO MICHAEL'S  
DEPARTURE FOR US, HIS MOTHER STATED TO MEMBER OF CONSULATE  
STAFF THAT SHE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH HIS JOINING FATHER  
FOR RESIDENCE IN US AND THAT IF HE WISHED TO RETURN TO ITALY  
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AFTER HE REACHES AGE EIGHTEEN SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE  
HIM BUT IN THE MEANTIME SHE HAD NO DESIRE OR INTENTION TO  
CARE FOR HIM AND LOOK AFTER HIS WELFARE.

4. ITALIAN JUVENILE COURT RETAINS LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER  
MICHAEL WHILE HE IS UNDER AGE EIGHTEEN. LOCAL COURT HAS

DECLARED MOTHER AS UNFIT AND WOULD PROHIBIT ASSIGNING CUSTODY TO HER IF MICHAEL WERE TO RETURN TO ITALY WHILE STILL A MINOR. IF HE SHOULD RETURN TO ITALY AFTER ATTAINING MAJORITY AND WISHED TO RESETTLE IN THIS COUNTRY, HE WOULD BE REGARDED AS A FOREIGNER AND WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH LAWS APPLICABLE TO FOREIGNERS WISHING TO RESIDE IN ITALY.

5. SINCE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MICHAEL'S MOTHER AND FATHER IS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING, WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBLE OPINION REGARDING ADVISABILITY FATHER WRITING DIRECTLY TO MOTHER.

6. CONSULAR STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS KNOWN MICHAEL FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WILL WRITE TO HIM IN ITALIAN IN NEAR FUTURE. GORDON

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